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SUBJ: SOMARE REELECTED

REF: PORT MORESBY 956

1. MICHAEL SOMARE WAS REELECTED PRIME MINISTER ON AUGUST 9 WITH 69 VOTES IN PARLIAMENT OF 108. AFTER THREE WEEKS OF RUMOR AND SPECULATION, PANGU/PPP SUPPORT OF 57 REPORTED REFTEL HELD FIRM WHILE SOMARE CUT INTO OPPOSITION SUPPORT. DECISIVE VICTORY OVER JOHN GUISE WHO GARNERED 36 VOTES CLIMAXED WEEK OF GROWING PANGU/PPP CONFIDENCE. EARLY IN WEEK, TWO MATAUNGANS PRIVATELY PLEDGED SUPPORT TO SOMARE. MORNING PRESS ON DAY OF VOTE CONTAINED ANNOUNCEMENT BY MOMIS AND KAPUTIN THAT REGIONAL ALLIANCE WOULD SUPPORT SOMARE (5 MORE VOTES). BALANCE MADE UP OF UNITED PARTY DEFECTIONS IN WESTERN HIGHLANDS AND ENGA. COALITION HAS THUS ATTAINED
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REPRESENTATION FROM EACH PROVINCE IN PNG.

2. MOMIS/KAPUTIN ANNOUNCEMENT STATED THAT PANGU/PPP HAD BEEN WILLING TO MEET THEIR TERMS, WHILE NATIONAL ALLIANCE HAD NOT. TERMS THAT HAD BEEN EARLIER ANNOUNCED WERE THREE MINISTRIES: JUSTICE, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS, AND EDUCATION. EVEN AT THAT, KAPUTIN WAS STILL UNHAPPY WITH DEAL, REFUSING

TO DISCUSS IT WITH NEWSMEN AND LEAVING THE CHAMBER RATHER
THAN CASTING HIS VOTE FOR PRIME MINISTER.

3. EARLIER IN DAY, SOMARE CANDIDATE FOR SPEAKER, KINGSFORD
DIBELA (INDEPENDENT - MILNE BAY) WAS ELECTED UNOPPOSED.

4. TO MEET LEGAL REQUIREMENT, SOMARE NAMED INTERIM MINISTRY,
DIVIDING 18 MINISTRIES BETWEEN 3 PANGU (SOMARE, OLEWALE,
AND SALI) 3 PPP (CHAN, JEPHCOTT AND LEMEKI) AND 1 MATAUNGAN
(TAMMUR). COMPLETE CABINET EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED WITHIN
THE WEEK.
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